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THEY SEARCHED, and used a geiger counter on the spot where Patrolman Lennie Zamore (left) saw a "flying saucer."

USA UNDERGOES UFO AVALANCHE!

Beginning in late April the United States has literally been besieged with sightings of unidentified flying objects. Even in August, as this is being written, the "flap" shows no signs of letting up. Sighting reports keep pouring in from all over the nation. However, a very large percentage of reports are coming from the Western U.S., the Ohio Valley, and the Pennsylvania-New Jersey region.

From its nationwide press clipping service AMUFO has received hundreds of newspaper clippings dealing with UFO sightings. This enables us to confirm the major sightings and report directly to members.

The flap started, as most know, when Socorro, N.M., policeman Lonnie Zamora (note incorrect spelling in above clipping) spotted an egg-shaped metallic object about a mile north of the town. Two girder-like legs were visible on the side of the object Zamora faced (continued on page 3).

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EDITORIAL:

Enigma At Its Height

As we write these lines, one of the largest sighting waves of unidentified flying objects is underway. The wave started in April of this year in New Mexico, and thereafter spread throughout the continental United States, with sightings being made virtually every day. The news items from the nation's press in this issue will give you an idea of the extent of this wave. It is significant to note that many of the sightings in this wave are of unusually high quality, with clear stories, reliable witnesses, and (for once) almost adequate press coverage. It has been thus far a great year for UFO investigators.

But what, if any, is the special significance of this large wave of sightings? Has it increased the possibility of congressional hearings on the subject? Has it invoked largely increased public interest in the subject? Has it in any way added to our knowledge of what these objects are? It will be some time before we can really answer any of these questions. Keep in mind that this wave is, as far as we can tell, still very much underway. What it will produce we don't know as yet, but we do hope that it will at least bring to the attention of the press (and through them the public) the fact that the UFO problem

has far from disappeared. Call them flying saucers, UFOs, bogeys, or whatever you like, this new wave (if nothing else) proves one clear message: **THEY'RE STILL FLYING.....** whatever they may be!

Allen Greenfield, Editorial Director

AMUFO NEWS

As announced in a previous letter to all members, Mr. Allan J. Manak of Brookpark, Ohio, has been appointed to the position of Associate Director. Mr. Manak, who is currently chairman of the Cleveland UFOlogy Project, will be of great help to the Committee and we wholeheartedly welcome him aboard!

One small problem that has plagued AMUFO from its inception has been the lack of sufficient funds. While the Committee has a fairly large membership, less than 10% of the membership has actually paid the AMUFO membership fee of \$2.00. Since AMUFO was formed by merging several groups, we more or less "inherited" several members who had paid perhaps one or one and a half dollars as far back as 1962. We kept these people on our list, presuming that since they had expressed their interest in UFOs at one time, they would still be willing to be members of a UFO organization. Enclosed with this issue you will find a renewal notice. Please, fill it out and send it to us. If enough members do this, we will publish a 24-page magazine like our first one every other month, plus we will be able to expand our public education program and start other projects. But don't leave it to the other guy! Send in your renewals NOW! You won't be disappointed, as you'll be receiving one of the finest UFO magazines in the world. We're counting on your help.

And while we're on the subject, it would help if you purchase an advance copy of our book (see page 7) as well as ordering back issue UFO magazines. None of this is a commercial venture, since the few dollars earned are poured right back to the Committee. In the future we will be offering more books and magazines which will be of interest to AMUFO members.

By the New Year AMUFO has plans to open up a national headquarters and office in Cleveland, Ohio. When this is done all members will be notified. In the meantime, address all mail to P.O. Box 193, Glenview, Illinois.

One last thought: AMUFO does more than publish a UFO magazine. One of our foremost missions is to get the UFO story to the public, to get UFOlogy recognized!

Right next to the object were two figures, rather small in size. One of the figures turned and apparently saw him. We will not rehash the matter, so suffice to say that the saucer subsequently let out a roar and with a burst of flame took off. Two days later the incident made newspaper headlines all over the world. Shortly after the Zamora sighting, more landing reports came in from all over the state of New Mexico and other parts of the west. It is needless to elucidate all of them here, since many members will have already read of them. However, full coverage to all '64 sightings will be given in AMUFO's forthcoming full-length book (see page for details).

Reported here are all UFO sightings AMUFO has received during the period of June 1st onward.

June 2; Sunnyvale, Calif.: A married couple sighted a brightly lighted UFO about 10:30 p.m. It was only 150 feet in the air and had a brightly illuminated rectangular section on the underside. Small "fluttering" projections around the rim of the rectangle seemed to be lighted from the inside. Shortly thereafter a second UFO appeared and both moved out of sight over the horizon.

June 4; Coshocton, Ohio: Numerous persons sighted a cone-shaped object about 10 p.m. and again early the next morning.

June 5; Parma, Ohio: A group of college students, in the early hours of the morning, sighted a strange, fast moving light accompanied by an unusual noise. They said the light seemed to explode several times and then reappear.

Ely, Nevada: Several persons observed a luminous balloon-shaped object estimated to be about 100 feet in diameter and 30 feet high.

June 8; Burlington, Wyoming: A county sheriff and several other reliable witnesses observed an unidentified light moving on the ground in an inaccessible area. When the sheriff shone a spotlight on the object, it reportedly beamed back a bright light into the patrol car.

Lawrenceville, Illinois: Mrs. Helen Reed spotted a spinning UFO 10-15 feet above the ground in her yard at about 9:30 p.m. Only 50 feet away at its closest point, it had a dome which emitted blue, then red light.

June 9; Hamilton, Ohio: A 12-year old boy reported seeing an unidentified light in the sky for about 1/2 hour starting at 9 p.m.

June 11; Elmore, Ohio: Police chief Richard Crawford armed with search light and radio, gave chase to a UFO suspended over Elmore about 2000 feet up. The UFO had three pinkish lights, which pulsed at 20 minute intervals.

June 13; Pemberville, Ohio: Mrs. Karen Fahle reported to the Akron UFO Research Committee that she saw a brightly lighted object descend and apparently land about 200 yards away at 9 p.m. The lights dimmed and brightened, changing to a dark red as the UFO descended. They were arranged in a row on the perimeter of the object. After 5 minutes, the UFO moved away slowly, disappearing behind trees and buildings.

Tiffin, Ohio: A boy and his parents observed pink-lighted UFOs about 8:30 p.m....no other details given.

June 14; Dale, Indiana: About 9 p.m. Charles Englebrecht was watching TV in his living room. Suddenly the TV set and lights in an adjoining room went out and he noticed almost at once a luminous object outside the window. He ran to the door to investigate, and saw a glowing object about the size of a basketball land about 50 feet away. As he tried to move closer, he felt something like a mild electric shock and was unable to move forward. After about 2 minutes the UFO took off, emitting a whining sound. Holes, scorch marks and stains were among the physical evidence left.

June 15; Lynn, Mass: Two persons observed a dome-shaped UFO with a revolving red light on the underside at close range.

June 23; Conyngham, Penn: Shortly after midnight a married couple observed a "ball of fire with a white bag on one end."

June 24; Kalispell, Mont.: A married couple, when their television went crazy, observed three cigar-shaped UFOs with rows of lights like portholes at 11:15 p.m.

North Bend, O

North Bend, Oregon: Several boys observed a UFO described as a flat disk and rotating over the North Bend airport.

Boise, Idaho: A glowing light was seen in the sky over Table Rock, north of Boise.

June 25; Ely, Nevada: Several ranchers made a close range observation of a UFO only four feet off the ground. One of them tried to grab it, but the UFO bounced away. It was about 6 feet high and its sides were transparent. It had a pole which was "shiny, like a silver dollar." There was a red sign, which the ranchers were unable to make out, near the top of one of the sides. The ranchers attempted to capture the UFO, but they soon grew leary of the object and returned to their pickup truck.

June 29; near Lavonia, Ga.: Beauford Parham was traveling in his car when a circular object came over his car and stopped. Parham said the object was about the size of his car's top and was about 6 feet in height. "It resembled a giant top," he said. The object, which made two passes at his car, seemed attracted by his headlights. After pausing in front of the headlights, it swooshed over the top of the car, leaving behind an odor somewhat like embalming fluid. His arm was burned and there were marks on the car's top. FAA officials checked the car and found evidence that the car's surfaces had come in contact with radioactivity. Later on the paint on his car began to blister.

July 6; Benton, Mich.: Two youths spotted a bright light moving "at a pretty goof clip" over the skies of Benton.

Oakridge, Oregon: Several persons observed UFOs with trailing halos of light. The UFOs could not be tentatively identified.

July 7; Spartansburg, Penna.: 3 teen-aged girls observed a bright light which appeared to land.

July 12, Cleveland, O.: An unidentified projectile, but not a meteorite, crashed thru a Cleveland home and is now being studied in Boston.

July 13; Blackfoot, Idaho: Dozens of persons observed a UFO, described as a glowing white ball, cavort over the city for several nights beginning on this date.

July 14; Spartansburg, Penn.: A skywatching team of 5 watched a UFO perform for 15 minutes near this city.

July 16; near Houghton Lake, Mich.: A 23-year old flight instructor reported that a UFO formation followed his airplane for 5 minutes. 6 or 7 bright lights appeared in front and behind his plane.

First 2 weeks of July; NE Georgia: Centering around Gainesville, Ga., were dozens of reports of strange sky phenomena, too lengthy to details here. One report stated that a UFO left a similar odor (like embalming fluid) after the Parham incident.

July 17; Fostoria, Ohio: A married couple in this city reported seeing 2 flying saucers only 100 feet in altitude, traveling from SE to NW.

Southeast Michigan: Dozens of persons reported seeing a UFO which apparently changed colors and at times gave off a whirring sound.

July 18; Bay City, Michigan: A woman resident of Bay City reported spotting a pearl-shaped UFO which was orange in color. Her husband also saw the UFO.

Lansing, Michigan: A shiny, white spinning UFO was seen over Lansing late Saturday night and again early on July 19th.

July 20, Ionia, Michigan: Two firemen and their wives reported that on July 17th they observed a greenish light in the sky moving at a high rate of speed. The report was confirmed by a similar incident at Grand Rapids, Mich.

July 19; Seattle, Washington: A brilliant fireball lighted up Seattle and seemed to have explode. It was blue in color and was seen as far away as Spokane.

July 19; Ann Arbor Michigan: Mrs. B.A. Uhlendorf saw "an irregular roundish object" moving from east to west as she was sitting on her front porch in Ann Arbor.

July 21; Bounty Land, S.C.: After several reports of UFOs in the general area of this town, a ring about 16 feet in diameter was found outside the home of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lee. The grass was not burned but rather covered with an oily substance which does not readily rub off. The coating dried somewhat and parts of it turned into white powder. The ring, which is about 1 foot wide, is almost perfectly circular except for four indentations evenly spaced about the circumference. Two horizontal lines of the same coating were found in the center of the ring.

July 22; Huron, S.D.: Several Huron residents reported seeing mysterious moving illuminated objects in the skies north of Huron. When first spotted at 10 p.m., they were moving in a northeasterly direction.

Anacortes, Wash.: Two local observers saw a bright fiery object momentarily in the northwest sky.

July 21-23; Madras, Oregon: Many residents of the Madras area reported seeing UFOs. They were of different shapes and colors, ranging from (umbrella-shaped" to "clam-shaped." In virtually all cases the objects were moving at a high rate of speed and were soundless.

July 22; Tacoma, Wash.: A mysterious bright object appeared in the sky toward evening luring nearly 1800 fish lovers to Point Defiance's Ownes Beach. It re-appeared the next day, and interceptors from McChord Air Force Base were dispatched to make identification.

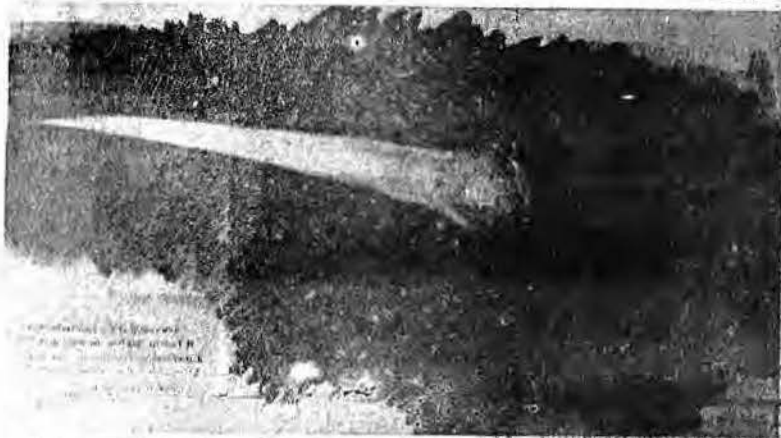
July 22; Missoula, Mont.: For a week and a half a college professor and his wife had been seeing a high-flying UFO. Phil Hess, a staff member of the Missoulan Sentinel, finally attempted to photograph the object. However, his photos, which were time exposures, only show a streak of light in the sky.

July 25-26, Hamilton, Mont.: Police officers spotted an object with green and red lights. The reported that the object hovered for some time. Another report stated that a man observed a shiny object that emitted a beeping sound.



BEAUFORD PARHAM
He Saw What He Saw

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT—An unidentified flying object (UFO) was seen by several area residents Friday night. Larry Davis, 18, 706 E. 34th St., was at the home of his parents in Sheffield Lake when he spotted it. Mike Urgo, 24, 1725 E. 32nd was in Elyria when he saw what "looked like a rocket ship, real bright silver gray....there might have been fire coming out the back." J. Richard Lukovics, 1203 E. Erie, submitted his interpretation of the phenomena (above). He described it as "a circular shaped object with a heat trail approximately three times the diameter of the object in length, that appeared to be traveling in an east to west direction in a descending path. The object was as visible as a low flying aircraft." Spokesmen at NASA, Cleveland, and the FAA, Ogeen, stated they had not received any reports of the object.

The Journal, Lorain, Ohio - sighting occurred July 17th.

July 25; Salisbury, N.C.: While two residents of this town reported seeing a strange blue light, another two reported seeing a white ring with a blue light spinning only 4-5 feet off the ground in their yard.

July 27; Defiance, Ohio: An 11-year old boy and his parents sighted a UFO over their home. It appeared "like the point of a pin," only with a streamer. Shortly thereafter four Defiance residents saw a ball-shaped object with a pale blue center.

Last week of July; Roseburg, Oregon: Several residents have reported seeing a group of UFOs flying in orbits, with red, green and white lights.

July 28; Monterey, California: Two residents reported seeing an object, "like a huge "star" and with a tail. It was traveling south to north.

UFO AVALANCHE - continued

July 28-29; Los Angeles, Calif.: A strange yellowish object "with little red things" darting out from it was reported to several police stations in the L.A. area. In the meantime, there was a report of a pale pink vapor-like cloud over Asusa, a Los Angeles suburb.

July 29; Livingston, Montana: A UFO, "too bright to look at," was reported by a woman resident. The woman said she watched a semi-transparent object, which resembled a "big, big ball of fire," for nearly two hours before it rose silently at dawn and passed out of view. She described its shape as resembling a "washing machine lid."

August 2; Blackfoot, Idaho: A resident reported observing a bright object at a very high altitude moving in a northeasterly direction. The object took 1/4 hour to traverse the sky from directly overhead to the horizon.

August 4; Billings, Mont.: A UFO was seen by two 17-year olds. It was described as being "pretty good-sized" and appeared as a bright yellow oblong glow.

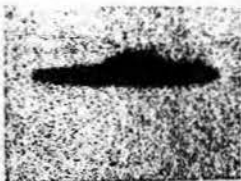
August 4-5; Helena, Mont.: Two reports came in the night of the 4-5 when a multiple lighted object was seen to streak across the sky. A second report came in when an unidentified light circled over the city.

August 6; Spokane, Wash.: Several unidentified lights were seen in the skies over Spokane on this night.

August 9; Rockwood, Oregon: A woman resident reported observing a small orange ball that appeared to be crisscrossed with black stripes.

August 13; Royal City, Wash.: A very strange story occurred here when a group of motorists were driving on Highway 26 near Royal city when they saw 300 to 500 strange looking grey spheres come over a crest of a mountain and soar toward the highway. They came so close to the cars that the motorists thought they were going to be hit by the objects. "One landed on the gravel at the side of the road; a glowing spot appeared for a few seconds and then there was nothing there!" exclaimed a woman driver.

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KYW PHOTO IS HOAX!

The KYW photo (more properly called the Orville photo) has been found to be a hoax. The photo, featured on the cover of our first issue, was taken by two young men in Orville, Ohio, reportedly of an 18" inch model. The hoax would have never been exposed unless Mr. Gary Davis of Medina, Ohio, and the Flying Saucer Investigation Committee of Akron, Ohio, had done some fine detective work. AMUFO extends its compliments to them.

Earl Neff has written a fine article on the hoax, which was published in UFO Magazine. The issue containing the article is available from AMUFO for 30¢ (see page 7).



{AMUFO PUBLISHES}

A Book!

Come this January, the American UFO Committee will release a full-length book on UFOlogy! Plans are now being made as to exact content and length. But we can say that it will be in many ways a 1964 UFO annual. A large review of '64 sightings is planned. Also, the tome will have dozens of illustrations and photographs. If possible, we will reprint the best articles on UFOs published during 1964 - and all UFO photos taken!

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PRESS TIME UFO SIGHTINGS

Astabula, Ohio - August 17 - Police reported seeing a UFO with a bright light on it early on this date. According to the Highway Patrol it would first travel in a straight line and then a circle, and appeared to be about 4000 feet in altitude. The object reportedly hovered over Interstate 90, where earlier this year another UFO was seen hovering.

TOBACCO VALLEY NEWS
Eureka, Montana

AUG 6 1964

LOCAL FOLKS REPORT SEEING UFO

The first report of the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO's) in this area the past few weeks came from Mrs. Winton Weydemeyer, who called the News office on Sat. July 25 about 10 p.m. to say they had been watching it. Residents of Western Montana in particular have reported many sightings of moving flying objects in the past few weeks.

Mrs. Weydemeyer said her husband glanced up at the Big Dipper Thursday night, July 24, and was surprised to see an extra star in the constellation. As he watched, the light moved across the sky and directly over Therriault Pass. Saturday night they saw it again, and it went over the mountain to the northeast and out of sight about 10 p.m. Ross McKenzie, the Weydemeyers he had also seen the object.

Law Officer Spots UFO

Missoulian Sentinel, Missoula, Mont.
August 18th

By PHIL HESS

A local law enforcement officer said Monday night his close-up view of an unidentified flying object through a 20-power spotting scope made his hair "just kind of stand right up."

The man, who asked not to be identified by name, said he has seen the objects for several nights over the last two or three weeks. The UFO appeared to be "top-shaped, with red and green lights around its perimeter." Often he saw what seemed to be a strong "searchlight like beam of white light" coming from the craft.

The officer said the object spun in flight as it moved across the sky, "travelling 1,000 miles in a minute or less." The UFO was about the size of "an average room" and could stop as quickly as it could start and maneuver.

The daughter of another law enforcement officer told her parents she had seen

similar objects over Missoula in recent weeks. Her parents said they "scoffed at the idea" until last Friday night. The daughter called her parents outside to "see for themselves."

The parents reported they looked and did see the UFOs. They said they could see three or four separate objects "apparently setting up a pattern." Two moved in close enough to identify "what looked like flashing red and green lights" on their surfaces. They moved in a smooth, rapid motion except when stopping or starting. Then, the family reports, "the motion seemed to be jerky."

Viewed from Farlews, one of the objects appeared to stop over the Rattlesnake area, another over Mt. Sentinel. A third object flew into the southeast and hovered there for a while, they said.

The parents indicated they "no longer laugh at their daughter or others who report seeing UFOs."

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